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SUBJECT: TOUR D'HORIZON WITH ZARDARI

Classified By: Anne W. Patterson, for reasons 1.4 (b)(d)

1. (C) Summary: In a discursive conversation with President Zardari on October 2, Ambassador again encouraged the appointment of a czar for
2. (C) Zardari was particularly pleased that ISI chief General Nadeem Taj had been reassigned. "See, I told you," he said, "that we were
3. (C) On October 1, Prime Minister Gilani asked Ambassador for a pull aside at a reception. He asked her to convey to President Bush that
4. (C) Ambassador called on President Asif Zardari October
2. Zardari was pleased with his meetings in the U.S. Zardari was disappointed, however, that the Saudis had not attended the Friends of Pakistan
5. (C) Ambassador pressed for the assignment of a FATA Czar, to serve the coordinating role that General Nadeem had undertaken during the
6. (C) Zardari said he would soon be seeking military assistance from the French, particularly a new attack helicopter, at below market price
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- military assistance was indirectly subsidizing commercial arms purchases from other countries. Zardari said the French were trying to sell
7. (C) Zardari mused about his desire to retain former Musharraf national security advisor Tariq Aziz to handle the India account, possibly
- Zardari replied that Tariq Aziz used to be the "big boss" as the advisor closest to Musharraf but now Kayani was on top and reluctant to resign
8. (C) Ambassador asked if Zardari was going to move against the Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz in the Punjab and bring down Shahbaz Sharif
9. (C) Comment: In press interviews October 6, Zardari ambitiously announced he wanted USD 100 billion in foreign aid from Pakistan's friends
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